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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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BIROBIDZHAN ARMY BARRACKS

(48-47N 132-53E)

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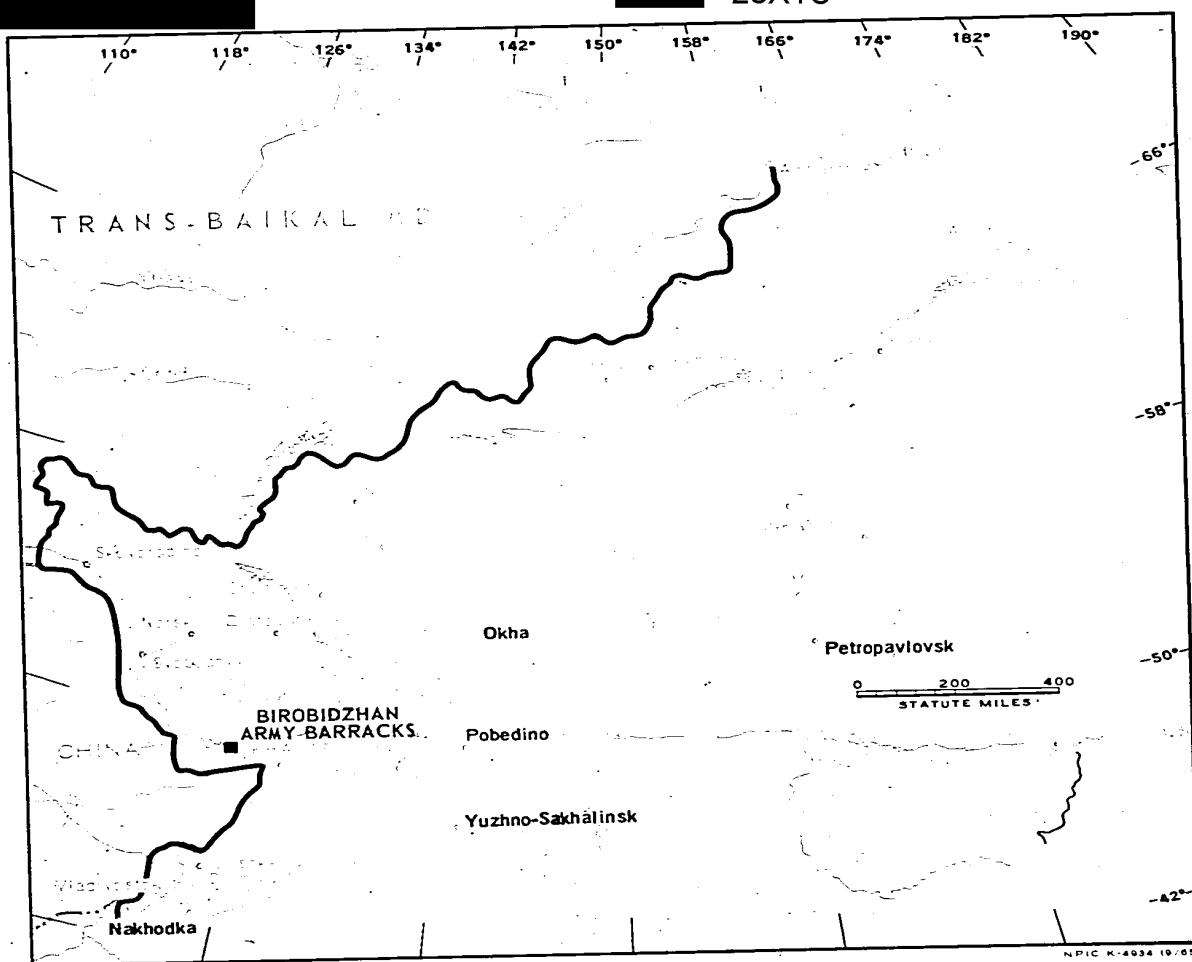


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BIROBIDZHAN ARMY BARRACKS.

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SUMMARY

Birobidzhan Army Barracks is located on the western edge of Birobidzhan (Figure 1). The installation covers approximately 1,000 acres and contains 5 administration buildings, 1 probable administration building/academy, 21 barracks, 5 probable barracks, 16 quarters, 25 storage buildings, 3 vehicle sheds, 2 probable vehicle sheds, 4 vehicle maintenance/storage buildings, 1 vehicle maintenance building, 73 support buildings, and 1 probable shipping/receiving building. Other facilities include a motor park, a POL storage area, a shipping and receiving area, and a road-to-rail vehicle/equipment access area. Training facilities include wheeled-and tracked-vehicle driver-training courses, a small-arms firing range, an athletic field, a parade ground, and an obstacle course (Figures 2 and 3).

A probable associated training area is located 3 kilometers (km) southwest of the barracks area and consists of a possible tracked-vehicle driver-training area and a tank/assault-gun firing range.

The installation was covered on TALENT mission in KEYHOLE missions between [REDACTED]. Comparative analysis reveals continuous activity during the period. Two barracks, 1 vehicle shed, and 3 support buildings were constructed between [REDACTED]. A POL storage area was constructed in [REDACTED]. A motor park consisting of 2 vehicle sheds, 1 vehicle maintenance building, 1 support building, and an administration building were razed between [REDACTED]. The tank/assault-gun firing range was constructed between [REDACTED].

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A single track rail line serves the area. A 600- by 200-foot unloading area is adjacent to the rail line inside a secured area (A1). Track activity indicates this area is active. Four support buildings and 1 probable shipping/receiving building are within the secured area.

A 3600- by 65-foot rail-to-road access area (A2) is parallel with the rail spur.

Road Service

All-weather urban streets provide access to Birobidzhan.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 appears to be occupied and contains 5 barracks, 16 military dependents quarters, 2 storage buildings, and 1 support building. Several small sheds and gardens are in the area.

Two barracks were constructed between [REDACTED].

Area D2 appears to be occupied and contains 3 barracks and 2 support buildings.

Area D3 appears to be occupied and contains 1 administration building, 4 barracks, and 1 support building. Several small huts are located in the area.

Area D4 appears to be occupied and contains 1 probable administration building, 5 probable barracks, and 4 support buildings. Several small huts and gardens are in the area.

Area D5 appears to be active and contains 5 barracks and 1 support building. Several small huts are located in the area.

Area D6 contains 1 administration building which appears to be occupied.

Area D7 appears to be occupied and contains 1 administration/academy building, 2 administration buildings, and 11 support buildings.

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Area D8 appears to be occupied and contains 1 administration building, 4 barracks, 3 storage buildings, 2 probable vehicle sheds (260 by 80 feet and 200 by 40 feet) and 6 support buildings. A motor park containing 2 vehicle sheds, 1 vehicle maintenance building, 1 support building, and a multiwing administration building were razed between [REDACTED]

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General Storage Areas

Area E1 is occupied, double secured, has an area of open storage, and contains 18 storage buildings and 4 support buildings.

Area E2 appears to be occupied and contains 2 storage buildings and 4 support buildings.

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POL Storage Area

Area G contains 25 tanks (two 50 feet in diameter, seven 25 feet in diameter, and sixteen [REDACTED] in diameter) and 1 support building. Construction of the area began during [REDACTED] and is nearly complete on the latest coverage. The area will be served by a rail spur which is not yet complete.

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Other Buildings

Area H1 appears to be occupied and contains 7 support buildings.

Area H2 appears to be occupied and contains 9 support buildings (3 constructed between [REDACTED]

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Area H3 contains 5 support buildings.

Five other support buildings are scattered throughout the installation.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J is occupied and contains 1 motor park (approximately 1,400 by 1,200 feet), 3 ve-

hicle sheds (one 300 by 60 feet and two 220 by 50 feet), 1 vehicle maintenance building (280 by 80 feet), 4 vehicle maintenance/storage buildings (400 by 80 feet, 200 by 80 feet, 160 by 80 feet, and 300 by 70 feet), and 6 support buildings. Vehicles have been observed in the park on various missions. One vehicle shed was constructed between [REDACTED]

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Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field which appears to be moderately used.

Small-Arms Firing Range

Area L contains one 450- by 50-foot small-arms firing range which appears to be moderately used and 2 support buildings.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training area with a probable double figure-8 course. The course appears to be lightly used.

Area M2 is a wheeled/tracked-vehicle driver-training area with an irregular closed-circuit course. The course appears to be lightly used.

Area M3 (not on sketch), located 3 km southwest of the barracks area, is a possible tracked-vehicle driver-training area.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N (not on sketch), located 3 km southwest of the barracks area, is a 1,200-foot tank/assault-gun firing range which was constructed between [REDACTED]

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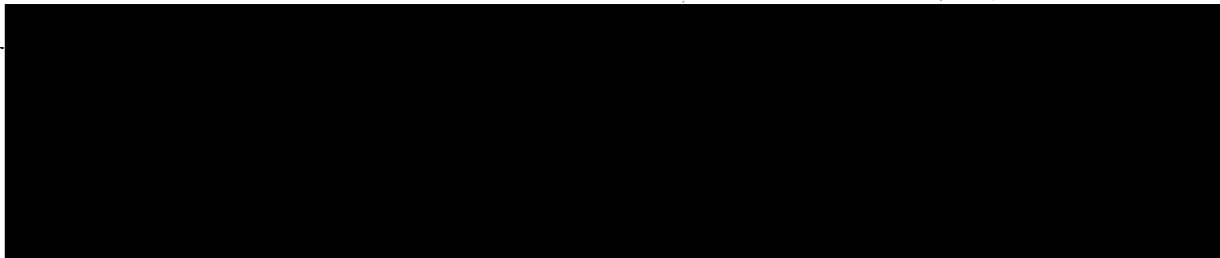
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